

TOWN OF NEWINGTON  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD SUBCOMMITTEE

OCTOBER 20, 2009

TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM ONE

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hedberg at 7:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Perillo, Pam Austin, Neal Forte, and Ken Leggo. Others present: Bob Tofeldt; Bruce Till, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Public Participation – None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Baron distributed corrected minutes of the previous meeting, which showed “Field Turf” instead of “Turf Field” on the bottom line of page one. A motion was made by Mr. Leggo to approve the Corrected Minutes for the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by Ms. Austin. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Budget Request Recommendations to Board of Parks and Recreation
  - a. Consider and take action on Option A (smaller field) vs. Option B (larger field) – All members expressed a desire for a synthetic turf field. It was noted that the cost estimate for option B, which is over \$200,000 higher than Option A, is for the field only, and does not include the other alternate items that would still need to be added. Option B would also require relocation of the skate park. Option A meets CJSA size requirements. The only identifiable advantage for Option B would be having a field size acceptable for a High School tournament soccer game. Mr. Till noted that while some estimates provided by Milone and MacBroom could be on the high side, the cost of the turf itself is not, in that the major providers all currently charge \$4.25 or \$4.30 per square foot. Mr. Forte made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Parks and Recreation that it include in their 2010-11 Capital Improvement Plan budget request Option A, as prepared by Milone and MacBroom and dated October 7, 2009, for a comparable size synthetic turf field. Second from Mr. Leggo. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 YES to 0 NO.

- b. Consider and take action on Alternate items presented by Milone and MacBroom – The subcommittee considered and discussed each of the ten alternate items identified by the consultant, namely: additional sports striping, field lighting, bleachers, press box, additional bleachers, irrigation, multisport scoreboard, gateway feature, parking improvements, and landscaping/trees. Mr. Hedberg made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Parks and Recreation that it also include in the Capital Improvement Plan budget a request for additional items at the synthetic turf field to cover the costs of additional sports striping, field lighting, two sets of new 200 seat bleachers (one on either side of the existing press box), and irrigation. Second by Mr. Forte. Discussion: the subcommittee will recommend these items at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting that follows this subcommittee meeting, and Mr. Till will work with the consultant to better determine the appropriate dollar amounts associated with each item and for the field installation construction. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 YES to 0 NO.
- VI. Any Other Business Pertinent to the Subcommittee – the subcommittee will meet again before the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting to discuss and take action on the updated budget numbers for the items approved this evening.
- VII. Public Participation – None.
- VIII. Response to Public Participation – None.
- IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Baron*

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Director of Administrative Services